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Meghan Reid of Just Movement Fitness leads a Pound class in Head Lake Park at the Health & Wellness Expo. See story on page 32. Photo by Mark Arike.

## Residents rally around mail carrier after threats

By Alex Coop

Canada Post worker Laura Ridsdale says she was recently forced to endure a spate of verbal abuse that took her, and the community she serves, completely by surprise.

"I wasn't scared until after the incident because I realized things could have gone so differently," Ridsdale told *The Highlander* a week after she says a seasonal resident or visitor intimidated

her for hours on Halls Lake Road, just past the Sandy Lane Resort. A few other non-permanent residents accompanied the man and blocked her exit.

She said the man who started the confrontation threatened to hit her but did not, saying, "You're lucky you're a f\*\*\*\*\* woman." She said he then stopped her from rolling up her windows as he pressed down on the glass.

Ridsdale said she kept her composure,

but wasn't sure what to do.

"This was the first time I've ever been confronted," she said.

The verbal abuse happened shortly after 11 a.m. July 11 after Ridsdale slammed on her brakes when a young boy dashed across the road. Ridsdale said she told the boy to be more careful.

A few minutes later, a man in his late 40s began to yell at Ridsdale for nearly hitting the child. The situation escalated

as others gathered around Ridsdale's vehicle and blocked her exit. Ridsdale didn't recognize any of them.

Ruth Mabley, a permanent resident on Halls Lake Road, said Ridsdale was driving carefully that day.

"Laura was not driving fast," she said, adding the mail carrier with 17 years' experience had done a great job of driving carefully on the busy road, especially in the summer when foot traffic is up.

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# Highlander news

## Swearing and threats were 'disturbing,' resident says

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Children are active near the beach and road, Mabley said, and no matter how slow you drive you have to be on high alert.

The swearing and threats aimed at Ridsdale were disturbing, she said.

"Laura doesn't deserve that. She is such a nice lady."

Other full-time residents felt the same and came out to support Ridsdale, whose boss Pam Casey also arrived. By then, most of the crowd had dispersed.

The unruly behaviour did not come as a shock to Pat Woodard, a 30-year-resident, who came to support Ridsdale. He said he was the victim of a similar attack a few



A photo of Pat Woodard with a black eye after an altercation in 2010. *Photo submitted.*

years ago.

Woodard said he was punched and kicked in the face multiple times on Sandy Lane after an altercation with some of the resort's guests in 2010.

He said guests were firing off daily fireworks so his wife asked them to quiet down as they had to work in the morning.

"I remember three men started to push her around," he said. "So I ran out of my house and when I reached her, I was attacked from behind ... boots were on my face. I was beat up real bad."

He did not lay charges.

Sandy Lane Resort owner Joachim Matysek said he remembered the incident and claimed Woodard and his wife were the "aggressors" but would not elaborate.

Haliburton Highlands OPP spoke to Matysek about the latest incident, but he said he didn't see what happened and that his guests are all "families and are well behaved." He added that drivers have to

be more careful on Halls Lake Road in summer.

Police were called to the scene but Ridsdale did not press charges. She said no physical harm was done and she just wanted to move past the situation.

However, a police report confirmed a man in his late 40s threatened Ridsdale and approached her aggressively while she was trying to drive away. The people involved in the alleged threats have not been identified.

The Sandy Lane Resort has a liquor license, but Matysek said people are not allowed to drink on the beach, which is municipal property.

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# Highlander news



Firefighters stand by the front of the home on George St. Photo by Mark Arike.

## Fire causes more than \$150,000 in damages

By Alex Coop

Firefighters are still unsure of what caused a structure fire that resulted in more than \$150,000 in damages in Haliburton July 14.

Twenty-three firefighters responded to a call at 65 George St. shortly after 7:30 p.m. last Thursday.

No one was injured.

Dysart et al's new fire Chief, Mike Iles

said the building was fully-engulfed in flames by the time they arrived.

"There was one gentleman inside who discovered the flames coming out of the house ... and he called 911," Iles said.

It's going to be difficult to determine the cause of the fire, he said.

"We only do a preliminary report, so we probably won't know what happened exactly." (Alex Coop)

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To reflect and promote pride in the culture,  
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To encourage Highlanders to believe in  
themselves, in our community, and in their  
power to make our place in the  
world better every day.

## Cops and journalists have a complex relationship

It was good to have the new Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachment commander hold a meet-and-greet with the local media last Friday.

Staff Sgt. Richard Riopelle and new media officer, Timothy Negus said the purpose was to further build on their ongoing relationship with us.

Cops and journalists have always had a complicated relationship. We need them and they need us but sometimes the union is tricky.

Every cop has a story about a pesky reporter who has shown up at a crime scene – sometimes stumbling across the police tape – and demanding instant answers that could forthwith be published on Facebook, the website, via video and in print. And, every reporter or videographer gripes about how everyone in the community knows the name of the deceased before we can publish it, because the police will not release the name. And, every editor has had a sleepless night after naming the aforementioned deceased without 100 percent police confirmation.

The local media has always had a pretty positive relationship with our local OPP. Prior to Riopelle and Negus, we got on well with former detachment commander Chad Bark and his team.

For us this meeting was an opportunity to reiterate our expectations with the new man in charge.

*The Highlander* asked if the local OPP could provide us with a weekly round-up of non-urgent items, but still things that we had witnessed or been told about.

We also requested that more timely information be released in the event of major investigations, such as homicides and other fatalities.

We also inquired about attending municipal policing committee meetings.

And, we want to be able to access statistics to know what is happening with crime in the county. If cottage break-ins suddenly jump during a statistical reporting period, we want to know about it.

We discussed social media, which can sometimes make our lives very difficult when major crime is occurring. Everyone suddenly thinks that they are a reporter. They post photographs, rumours and innuendo without worrying about the ethics or accuracy of what they are doing.

We are trained professionals. We went to journalism school. We have studied ethics as well as the law. We do our best to ensure multiple sources are contacted before we provide information to ensure its accuracy. We – and other news outlets – are the only credible sources in the county, not the people on your Facebook feed who saw something or heard something.

To do our job to the best of our ability, we have to rely on the OPP to get the

information to us quickly and accurately. So, the meet-and-greet allowed us to revisit this request.

It was nice to hear Staff Sgt. Riopelle talk about having an open relationship with the media. This means he should be able to talk to us and we should be able to talk to him. It was suggested we could meet quarterly to discuss issues. It's a great idea as we can get on each other's nerves in the coverage of some stories. But, we can also work together to ensure important public information gets out in dangerous situations or disasters or just team up for old-fashioned educational campaigns, whether it is reminding people to buckle up or to drive sober.

And, finally, it was encouraging to hear Staff Sgt. Riopelle use the word "co-operative" to describe the relationship and to admit that, yes, "we need each other."

We at *The Highlander* are hopeful of a continuing good relationship with our local OPP so that we can do a better job of covering the stories that are important to our readers.



**By Lisa Gervais**

## Potable opportunities

One thing is certain about the recent on again, off again postal dispute. When all the dust settles, there will be no winners.

Even more than the railways, the postal service was one of those institutions that helped bind this far flung country together. There wasn't a community or crossroads hamlet that did not receive postal service. In fact the postal service went where the railways couldn't ... to the far north, to small island communities and rural outposts at the end of long and dusty roads.

In larger centres, the post office rivaled the banks and railway stations in their grand architectural designs. Soaring columns and decorative scroll work announced this was one serious institution. You can still find some of these ornate buildings in communities across the country, although most have been abandoned for less ostentatious and easier to heat structures. The modern post office blends into the commercial landscape and while the buildings may have changed, the significance of having a post office in a community is still important.

In rural Canada, a post office defines a community. It says this settlement is permanent. It is important enough for the federal government to invest in its future.

But the post office is more than just a building. It provides a vital link to the rest of the country and indeed the world. In its time, just the act of dropping a letter in the mail slot and knowing that someone hundreds or thousands of miles away would receive the message contained in the envelope must have been a wondrous concept. While communicating by mail

still has a certain cachet, it has lost a lot of appeal with the introduction of other forms of communication.

First, telegraph, then phone and fax and now email, texting, video calling ... over time, and to varying degrees, all have taken a little bite out of the service the post office provides. Reportedly one of its remaining strong suits is parcel delivery, but, even there, many courier services have emerged, providing door-to-door service for packages and even letters.

Which brings us to the current standoff between the post office and its workers. Over the past two months or so, the two sides have been issuing ominous warnings about threatened lockouts and strike action. They have danced up to a deadline and then backed away only to engage in more sabre-rattling and posturing. The strutting may be good for management egos or look impressive to the union members, but all it has done is push the post office closer to the brink of irrelevance. Even if there isn't a strike or lockout, consumers are being enticed away from the service provided by the post office, a situation that is not likely to change when the dust settles.

Companies which rely on the post office to deliver their monthly bills has been blitzing their customers by mail, phone and email, reminding us that payments that were in the past made via mail can be completed over the internet. For those who haven't already switched, phone companies, internet services, Hydro and credit card companies have issued reminders that a postal shutdown is not an excuse for missing a payment deadline. Once the customers have

made the change to online payments, it is highly unlikely they'll go back to the postal option, further reducing the post office's share of the pie. The damage may already be done, even without the strike or lockout.

So what is left for the beleaguered post office? Well, unless it can find new revenue streams, it is likely to wither away even more. Some have suggested that the post office get into the banking business, as have postal services in many countries. The cheque cashing services and so-called payday loan services appear to be quite lucrative and in need of the kind of regulatory framework only an institution like the post office could provide. As the banks pull out of smaller communities, this could be a niche for the Canadian Postal Service to move into.

Finally, with the changing of the rules, very soon there will be a need for licensed marijuana outlets across this country. Canada Post is just one dropped letter away from being our national pot office. It makes sense. The post office is already under federal control, the buildings are secure, and protected by the RCMP, the employees are bonded and the scales are in place, ready to weigh out a gram or two of marijuana.

"Hi, Jenny. I'll have a roll of stamps and a dime bag, please. Nice weather, eh?" It could be the one thing that puts the post office back in the green.



**By Jack Brezina**

# Editorial opinion

## — weeWisdom Summer: how I like to stay cool



By Anabelle Craig

It is that amazing time of year here in Haliburton County, where cottagers are up, kids are out of school, fruits and veggies are in season and the beaches are open. Wildlife is in full force, gardens are in bloom, long days and short nights and the sun is in its glory.

Some of my favourite things to do in the summer include; swimming with my friends at one of the great beaches in our county, going to the movies with my family in Kinmount, having a picnic of watermelon and salad in the park and visiting one of the farmers' markets with my parents to get some yummy, local food. It's all about hanging out at home, having a lazy art day or running through the sprinkler. I love going on a cookout with my dad and camping with my cousins, fireworks in the park, dinner with friends, carnivals and midnight madness, or floating down the Gull River. Wow, summer is amazing isn't it?

Sometimes the heat of summer is too much to handle, but how do you beat the heat? Here is a list of how I like to stay cool.

1) Watermelon and lemonade go hand in hand. If you freeze your lemonade the night before, it will make a great icepack to



A rainbow arches over Haliburton during a short rain shower on July 14. Photo by Mark Arike.

keep your watermelon cold. Or, puree the watermelon with fresh mint and then mix it with your lemonade.

2) A week or two of swimming sounds like fun, right? There are swimming lessons offered in our county by great certified swim instructors and they run all summer. Check with your municipality to see what and when they offer them.

3) Two words: Ice cream.

4) Shade, hats and sunscreen. Keep cool and care on!

One of my all-time favourite summer traditions is going to the Highland Cinema in Kinmount. I have been going there since I was a baby, literally. My parents took me when I was six months old! Movie lovers from all over flock to this cinema to see new movies, old projectors, toys,

a horror film tribute, and other cinematic memorabilia. The owner of the theatre, Keith Stata, has loved movies since he was a kid and built five screens onto his house, complete with a catwalk so he can travel from theatre to theatre to get each movie started. This film house is more than your average place to watch the latest flicks. It is an experience to remember!

Haliburton also has day camps, residential camps, art camps, sport camps, nature camps and many more. Summer camps have many benefits, like teaching your child how to rock climb, produce their own movie, how to identify clouds or build a skateboard. Camp is also great for building confidence and social skills. Summer camp helps kids stay outdoors and active, make true friends outside of the social

pressure of school and, best of all, develop lifelong skills. Did you know that certain jobs are more inclined to hire kids who have gone to camp or worked as a camp counsellor? When I go to camp, I can get pretty homesick some days, but most of the time I'm having so much fun that I don't have time to miss them. But did you know that camps have "mail call" or "bunk notes" so you can send your kid notes from home. Ontario Camp Association has a great website with information on camps in Ontario, tips for parents and kids and camp jobs.

However you choose to spend your dog days of summer, have fun!

## Putting Christmas shopping and Christians into perspective

"Do you know how many shopping days there are until Christmas? Only...."

I'd stopped listening. I couldn't believe that my mum thought that I might know, or would even care, about the number of shopping days until Christmas! Frankly, the remark ruined our regular weekend phone call. I was astounded that a mother and son, separated by the entire Atlantic Ocean, could find nothing better to occupy the telephonic airwaves with, than banal conversation about the surge of consumerism that seems to grip people earlier and earlier every year in the run up to the festive holidays. Our chat ended soon after that and I came off of the phone feeling rather deflated.

How could she have thought that information interesting, or relevant to me, as we bask in a glorious swathe of mid-summer sunshine? In what universe did she imagine someone would care about such a ridiculously far off event? But, then again, that's just my perspective. My mum obviously has a somewhat different outlook on life.

And there it is, perspective. Every time I write something in this column I wonder about what other folks are going to think about it. Each time I make humorous

mention of some contentious issue such as guns, hunting, politics or religion I linger for a moment to consider the other side of the story, the other person's perspective.

Actually, I have to admit that I have yet to really flex my literary muscles when it comes to religion, mainly because I find it both so bemusing and heartbreaking at the same time. I don't get how people can refute the theory of evolution and I can't understand how folks schooled in caring for their common man can so often take up arms so readily.

Oops, almost got into it there, didn't I? But I know better because I understand that many of you folks are religious and I respect that. And, my mum, for all her ridiculous worry about Christmas shopping, is very serious about her Christian beliefs too. When we chat about this, I'm all too ready to listen to her perspective. She tells me that taking the stories from the Bible as plain fact is often a mistake. Instead, she believes that they were written to metaphorically advise and guide us in living our lives in a good and kind manner.

As for the religious fundamentalist fighting, and terrorism that seem to be always raging somewhere in the world at the moment, my mum is disgusted by it, no

matter who the perpetrators and she says they should stop for a moment and take a good hard look at themselves and what they are doing. Then, 'they might realize what assholes they are being and buck their ideas up!' Well said, mum. Sounds like good advice and my mum's kind of neat when you look at it that way. My faith is restored in my mother's sanity and her perspective.

And, there's the rub, being able to step back and consider someone else's perspective. I try to do that every time I write this column, and, for the most part, I think I succeed. Now, the only way I have of knowing this is the fact that no one writes into the newspaper to complain. As such, I live in ignorant bliss. For all I know, page five of the Highlander could be the perfect page for starting the bonfire – not right up there covered in news headlines and not far enough back into the paper to be the real estate ads. My column could be going up in smoke without a soul ever reading it and if that was the case then by rights I could say all kinds of crazy stuff and no one would give a damn.

Thankfully, that's not quite true because the odd letter is sent in by a reader, most often when I've touched a nerve. In fact, to date my wall of fame (I print out and

## TheOutsider



By Will Jones

keep these letters, pinned to my office wall) includes complaints about my columns that have specifically touched upon gun control, animal rights and politics. Three subjects that can spark a fire in the belly of one person, while passing right on by another. I've been told that my ideals on bush craft are crude, outdated and stuck in the 18th century; that my grasp of American history is ponderous and riddled with inaccuracies; and, in one recent letter complaining about a political comment I made, I was advised to 'stick to writing about the cute things that his lovely wife and Little Z say.'

And you know what, that's just fine because it's yours or someone else's perspective. Send in those letters, let me hear what you think especially if I offend you because, heaven forbid, I wouldn't want to do it again! Not for a couple of weeks anyway. Just don't write in telling me that I should be thinking about buying Christmas presents in July because I might just tell you what I'd never dream of telling my mother.

# Highlander opinions

## Eye on the street: *What's your favorite part of the farmer's market?*



**Michelle Cole**

Florida

I just got here! Hopefully my favorite part will be the food.



**Roberta and Dan McCombe**

Haliburton

I love the bread and fruit. All the food and the cookies too.



**Tamara Wilbee, Cheryl Colson & Judy Paul**

Haliburton

The natural bug spray. I find it works just as well as the ones full of DEET. The goat cheese tarts are good too.



**Emma Paul**

West Guilford

I like the red pepper jelly stand, but I can't find it right now.



**David and Cathy Megee**

Hamilton

He likes the train caboose. Having worked with trains it brings back a lot of memories. The location is beautiful.

*Photos and interviews by Justin van Lieshout*

## Health unit tests beaches for bacteria

Only one beach in Haliburton County - Little Horseshoe Lake beach - currently has a swimming advisory due to a high level of E.coli bacteria.

But that can change as the health unit conducts its weekly beach testing program.

"Heavy rain, high winds or wave activity, and a large number of birds such as geese or seagulls nesting near the beach can drive up bacterial counts in the water, making it unsafe for public use," said Frances Tsotsos, public health inspector, in a report.

Other warning signs include floating debris, discoloured water, bad odours and excessive weed growth, said Tsotsos.

Testing began in June and continues until the end of next month. Weekly samples are collected from beaches in the county. The latest results are available late Thursday or early Friday each week.

A beach is unsafe for public use when a large sign with the word "WARNING"

is posted. In this case, swimming at the beach is discouraged. The health unit will remove these signs once tests show that E.coli bacterial levels are down to an acceptable level.

Most strains of E.coli are harmless; however, some strains can cause severe stomach cramps, diarrhea and vomiting. Serious complications of an E.coli infection can include kidney failure.

For results, visit [hkpr.on.ca](http://hkpr.on.ca) and click on the "Beach Test Results" link. For more information call the health unit at 1-866-888-4577. (Mark Arike)

## ATV collision results in death

A 50-year-old Caledon man has died after his ATV left the road on Saturday night in Dysart et al and struck trees.

Police said the accident occurred about 9:30 p.m., on Gregory Lane, just south of Hwy. 118.

Haliburton Highlands OPP identified the

victim as Rocky Pittman. He sustained life-threatening injuries in the crash and was transported to Haliburton Hospital where he was pronounced dead. The OPP Technical Collision Team assisted with the investigation.

Anyone with information is requested to contact the Haliburton Highlands Detachment at: 705-286-1431 or 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). (Alex Coop)

## OPP respond to boat and ATV complaints

The Haliburton Highlands Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is receiving multiple complaints about boats and ATVs.

"Boating and ATVs are meant to be fun activities, but when operators are disrespectful and ignore the laws these activities can become frustrating and dangerous," said a recent OPP release, which also included the following reminders:

• Everyone who operates a motorized

## County in brief

pleasure craft must carry proof

- of competency on board (Pleasure Craft Operator Card)
- Ensure that each person on board has a properly fitting and Transport Canada approved lifejacket
- Have a pre-departure checklist to confirm that all mandatory equipment is on board, including sound signaling device, pump or bailing bucket and visual signaling device
- Let someone know your trip plan
- Remember that impaired boating and ATV use is the same as impaired driving
- Be respectful of shorelines, other boaters, swimmers and docks, and trail users – slow down
- ATV operators and passengers must wear an approved motorcycle helmet that is securely fastened under the chin with a chin strap
- ATV operators must produce the registration permit, proof of insurance and drivers license when requested by police or conservation officers (Alex Coop).



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## 12-month journey nearing its end

Dam will soon make Emmerson Lumber energy independent

By Alex Coop

With files from Mark Arike

Kim Emmerson can see the light at the end of the tunnel.

In 2004, Emmerson, who owns Emmerson Lumber in Haliburton, began planning a rehabilitation project for the 67-year-old dam his grandfather, W.O. Bailey, built in 1946.

Dam repairs were completed in 2013, and since then, Emmerson has had to jump through many hoops to try and install the final piece of the puzzle: a brand new turbine.

With only one final review from the Ontario Lakes and Rivers Improvement Act remaining, which Emmerson suggests won't produce any negative results, plans are in place for the turbine to be installed this fall.

"It's promising ... but it has been a very long process," Emmerson told *The Highlander* earlier this week.

"Not a lot of people own a dam in a situation like this ... it's been very tough getting here."

The monumental task of getting approval for a new turbine began after a feasibility study on the dam's ability to produce power revealed strong results in 2004.

It took years for a dam safety review, an environmental assessment and a connection impact assessment to be completed, but with the help of Brian Nash of Haliburton Solar and Wind, who is acting as Emmerson's primary consultant on the project, these hoops were successfully conquered and a turbine was selected.

The winning turbine turned out to be the award-winning, Canadian-made Alfa Star Hydro turbine, which generates sustainable energy and is friendly to the environment.

It's the perfect match for the dam, Nash says.

"We looked at the river flow, took all of the parameters and metrics and designed a water-powered system that would be the most productive based on the metrics," he said. "The turbine isn't a conventional turbine and sits on top of the water and operates off suction."

A lot of work was put into making sure the surrounding natural environment wasn't being negatively impacted by the project, Emmerson said.

"The environmental assessment was very thorough," he said, adding the overall aesthetic appeal of the project factored into



A painter captures the scenery surrounding the Emmerson Dam in the summer. Photo submitted by Kim Emmerson.

Photos by Alex Coop.

the decision making.

"We could have designed a much bigger [dam], but we chose to have the best of both worlds and have the water going over the logs to free-up the walkway."

The dam is slated to produce more than 250,000 kilowatts annually, which is enough to power 25 Ontario homes.

Emmerson's entire lumber yard will benefit from the electricity produced by the turbine, and whatever is leftover will be sold back to Hydro One through its Net Metering Program.

Ontario's Feed in Tariff program (FIT) was the alternative option.

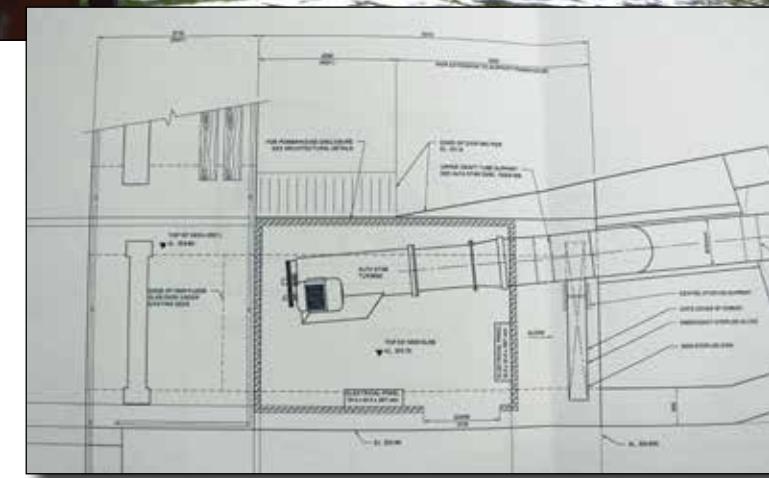
Water-based renewable energy projects through FIT allow individuals and companies to develop projects, sign contracts with the government and receive

a guaranteed price for their energy for four years.

But Emmerson didn't think it made the most business sense.

"I can foresee electricity rates will go up and up, which is disappointing. But to sign a contract for today's rate is not a good business choice," he said.

Despite the length of time it took getting this far with the project, Emmerson is pleased with the outcomes so far.



"A lot of patience is involved," he said. "But at the end of the day, I knew it was just the right thing for me to do, because if it wasn't, I wouldn't have started."



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# Highlander news

## County residents can get echocardiograms at home

Residents don't have to drive to Lindsay for heart test

By Lisa Gervais

Haliburton County residents can now get echocardiograms at the Haliburton Hospital.

The equipment can detect anything abnormal with the structure of the heart, said cardiac sonographer Stacie Bilton.

The hospital began taking patients on Monday.

It means they no longer have to travel to Lindsay for the 10 to 15-minute procedure.

"It's a great service to have now," she said.

Money to add the additional equipment to the existing ultrasound was raised during the Moose FM and Canoe FM radiothon last fall. The ninth annual radiothon garnered \$33,000.

Volunteer chair of the radiothon, Brian Daoust volunteered to undergo an echocardiogram last week to demonstrate the new equipment.

A specialized probe was required and the ultrasound unit had to be modified for echocardiograms. The computer software also had to be upgraded.

"It is a wonderful service since people don't have to drive for a 10 minute or 15



HHHS Foundation executive director Dale Walker, HHHS president and chief executive officer Carolyn Plummer, HHHS Foundation board member Don Popple (back left to right) watch as cardiac sonographer Stacie Bilton gives radiothon chairman Brian Daoust an echocardiogram last week. *Photo by Lisa Gervais*

minute test," Dale Walker, of the HHHS foundation said. HHHS president and CEO Carolyn Plummer added with telemedicine follow-up can include virtually seeing a cardiologist.

This fall marks the 10<sup>th</sup> annual radiothon.

The service has not determined where the money will go as the new palliative centre may need funding. There is also talk of a machine to measure bone density. There is already a request for proposals for the \$170,000 piece of equipment. Daoust said

they have to raise money for equipment that people can identify with and added, "both radio stations do a wonderful job." The radiothon is sponsored by Minden Subaru and is scheduled for Sept. 22 and 23.

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### Meetings & Events

#### PUBLIC WELCOME

July 28 9:00 am, combined COTW/Regular Meeting, Minden Council Chambers

August 25 9:00 am, combined COTW/Regular Council Meeting, Minden Council Chambers

Please note Council meetings are reduced to one meeting during the months of July and August.

For Council, Boards & Advisory Committee meetings, visit [www.mindenhills.ca](http://www.mindenhills.ca)

### Landfill Reminders

A Reminder that Boat Shrink Wrap is Accepted at the Scotchline Landfill until July 31st only.

Wrap must be in clean, tight bundles tied with string. Fee is \$5/wrap. Please report to the attendants upon your arrival.

### Material Restrictions at Landfill & Transfer Stations

A reminder that Brush Material is not being accepted at all Minden Hills Landfill Sites and Transfer Stations. A combination of high levels of brush at the Landfill/Transfer Stations and the continuing hot and dry weather, may result in a potential burning hazard. For the public's, attendants and employees safety, brush will not be accepted or burned at this time, until further notice.

### NEW! Summer Rec. programs at the SG Nesbitt Arena

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#### YOUTH Ball Hockey

Wednesday evenings June 29 - August 17  
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7:00pm-8:00pm - Ages 14-17 • Cost is \$2  
\*Must wear helmets and hockey gloves\*

#### Basketball

Thursday evenings June 30 - August 18  
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PLEASE NOTE: Every player MUST have a waiver signed by a parent/guardian (Staff reserves the right to deny participation). For more information please contact Elisha Weiss at 705-286-2298 or [eweiss@mindenhills.ca](mailto:eweiss@mindenhills.ca)

### 2016 Volunteer Awards

The Township of Minden Hills is accepting nominations for the following Volunteer Awards:

#### Ross Rigney Award for Civic Contribution

#### Gordon A. Monk Award

#### Good Neighbour Award

#### NEW THIS YEAR!

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#### Sports & Recreation Award

#### Trillium Award

Please visit [www.mindenhills.ca/volunteer-awards/](http://www.mindenhills.ca/volunteer-awards/) for full details and nomination forms.

### Call for Volunteers: Housing Task Force

The Township of Minden Hills' Planning and Development Advisory Committee is currently seeking interested individuals to participate on a Housing Task Force for the purpose of creating an on-going mechanism for community engagement with respect to meeting the diverse housing needs within our planning for Minden Hills.

If interested, please submit your name and contact information together with a short statement of any relevant interest and/or experience in the matter with "Housing Task Force" in the subject line by mail or e-mail to: [Housing Task Force Applications CIO Clerk's Department](mailto:Housing.TaskForce.Applications.CIO.Clerk@mindenhills.ca)

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Deadline to submit is Thursday, August 4, 2016. Please visit [www.mindenhills.ca/2015-2018-advisory-committees/](http://www.mindenhills.ca/2015-2018-advisory-committees/) for application forms and more information on the task force mandate and draft terms of reference.

### Request for Public Input

The Township is seeking the public's input through survey completion for the following projects:

• Renewal Options for the S.G Nesbitt Memorial Arena

• Master Parks and Trails Plan

Submission deadline is October 11th. For Surveys and Background material, visit [www.mindenhills.ca](http://www.mindenhills.ca) or in person at the Community Services Department, 55 Parkside St. (S.G. Nesbitt Memorial Arena) or the Administration Office at 7 Milne St.

For comments or inquiries, contact Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services, [mcoleman@mindenhills.ca](mailto:mcoleman@mindenhills.ca), 705-286-1936 ext. 201

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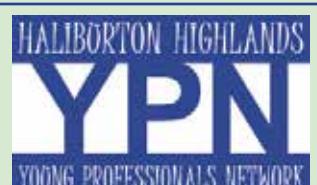
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# Living well

## Housing shortage forcing many to leave county

By Alex Coop

Eddie Lehman lives in a spacious retirement suite with easy access to a library, salon and a massive garden.

Opportunities for socializing are aplenty, as various activities from Wii bowling to bean bag baseball, bring the retirement home's residents together every day.

An unexpected stroke back in January did little to slow the 77-year-old Lehman down. In fact, he still drives himself around. The retirement home, he says, provides him the perfect balance of support and isolation.

There is only one problem: it's not in Haliburton.

"The only option I had [in Haliburton] was to move into a condo," he said. "But after my stroke, I couldn't do a lot of things I used to."

"I had to make a move."

That move landed him in Bobcaygeon's

Retirement Suites of Kawartha Lakes, an hour-drive from his old home on Maple Lake in Algonquin Highlands.

His other options were retirement homes in Huntsville and Gravenhurst. Lehman feared the condominiums in Haliburton, such as the Parklane Apartments next to Drag Lake, albeit surrounded by gorgeous vistas, wouldn't provide him with the additional support he needed.

He also wasn't ready for extended care. He simply needed a bit of assistance.

The certified engineer from Ryerson, who couldn't help but reminisce about his engineering days on the SS Bigwin, an old steamship used to ferry guests to the luxurious Bigwin Inn near Dorset, said the move to Bobcaygeon has turned out for the best.

"It's a very tight-knit community," he said, adding multiple physiotherapy classes every week have helped him regain strength in his

arms and legs.

But he still misses home.

He had to leave behind his neighbours on Maple Lake, alongside other friends and family members who live in the county.

His two cats, now being cared for by his neighbour, didn't make the trip either.

It's a story the retirement home's general manager in Bobcaygeon, Gillian Downs, has heard too often.

"It's a regular occurrence," she said. "We have four or five residents living here who are from Haliburton and Minden."

The Retirement Suites of Kawartha Lakes will turn three-years-old this October. A few studio suites are available, but anyone looking to move into one of the retirement home's two-bedroom suites will have to be placed on a five-year waiting list.

Monthly rates for the rooms range from \$2,951 to \$4,776.

Several reports and surveys have echoed the challenges faced by people like Lehman for years.

A 2014 market feasibility study for a retirement residence in Haliburton highlighted the fact that between 2001 and 2006, the number of seniors 75 years and older jumped by 25 per cent. That same age group experienced a growth rate of 8.2 per cent between 2006 and 2011.

A need for a retirement facility, which currently does not exist in Haliburton, is obvious, the report said, and if one were to be built, it should resemble a "120-unit, state-of-the-art residence," offering 90 independent supportive living (ISL) and 30 assisted living (AL) units.

The report also shed light on the fact that only 152 long-term care beds in three different homes can be found in the Haliburton and Minden area, which equals a service level of only 55.3 beds per thousand individuals over the age of 75 in 2016. This is well below the Ministry of Health's Provincial target of approximately 100 to 105 beds per thousand persons over 75 years.

Although it's far from being developed, the Municipality of Dysart et al has taken

steps to try and attract developers to build a retirement home on property purchased by the township on the corner of Wonderland Road and County Road 21.

"That is what's missing in the mix right now ... that middle support service, and the township has been working on that," said Patricia Martin, the township's director of planning and development.

"We're hoping that we can attract developers to build some type of retirement home option."

This proactive move from the township is much appreciated, said CARP chair Bob Stinson.

In addition to the purchased property on Wonderland Road, the concept of shared living is something Stinson has suggested to seniors who find themselves in situations similar to Lehman's.

"[CARP] thinks it's a very good idea," he said.

A presentation in Minden and Haliburton about shared living was led by Shelley Raymond, the president and founder of Solterra Co-Housing Ltd., in March. She explained how the idea of seniors splitting the cost of a home and controlling all aspects of its operation accordingly is an increasingly popular option among seniors in places like Toronto.

Last December, an investor from Gravenhurst, one of Raymond's clients, purchased property on Hilltop Road.

Raymond had until July 17 to find at least four interested applicants and a plan for the home. Otherwise the project will be abandoned and the property will go up for sale again. Unfortunately, no one had signed up when *The Highlander* last spoke to him.

"It's unfortunate ... it seems like there's still some resistance towards this idea," Stinson said.

Until a retirement home option in Haliburton emerges, Lehman stressed people like him, who need minimal assistance but can no longer live alone, need to be careful where they move to.

"Being able to talk to people and socialize is a blessing in disguise," he said. "Don't shut yourself out."



Eddie Lehman. Photo by Alex Coop.

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# Living well

## Visible Voices Open Arts Studio receives grant for new program

By Justin van Lieshout

The Visible Voices Open Art Studio has received a \$3,000 grant to help support its community projects and programs.

Specifically, the studio plans to use the grant to help a new program called Artful Reflection: Embracing Aging Together, which will begin in the fall.

The program aims to engage caregivers and individuals suffering from dementia in a safe and social environment to help develop a deeper understanding about their journey.

The program will be led by Stella Voisin with help from Marc Schroetter and H. Fay Wilkinson, who are all in the process of receiving specific training from the Alzheimer's Society in addition to the two years of training they underwent to become expressive art facilitators.

The program is currently in the process of searching for participants, who will be selected over the summer to participate in the fall. In addition to searching for participants, the studio is always looking for new volunteers.

Open to all ages, the Visible Arts Studio hopes to expand its presence in the community.

"I applaud the Haliburton County Community



Aging together creator Stella Voisin. Photo by Justin van Lieshout.

Co-operative for applying to this new program to help seniors contribute to the arts," said MPP Laurie Scott.

"What we're trying to do is make the situation more well-known in the community," said Voisin when discussing Alzheimer's disease.

The program will give participants relief from the condition through expression with paint, collage, and spoken word.

Offering the unique ability for patients to walk away with a tangible representation of their ideas, Artful Reflections hopes to not only provide benefits for the patient, but also for the caregiver.

Alzheimer's disease affects patient's ability to preserve memories, and can cause difficulties in problem-solving and language retention.

Many caregivers report very high levels of stress due to the prevalence and hindrance of day to day life

that occurs. Voisin aims to create a positive environment in which caregivers can learn more about creating a balance in their life through the use of art.

"The arts bring immense social value, enhances, and enriches our quality of life," Scott said. "Not only does the studio encourage creative expression and sharing, but it supports health initiatives and makes our communities better places to live."



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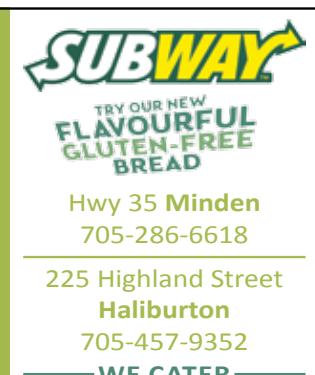
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## After 107 years, it's time for a facelift

By Lisa Gervais

The 107-year-old Horseshoe Lake Dam is about to get a major facelift.

Located at the outlet of Horseshoe Lake, near Minden, it was announced in June 2015, that a project to rehabilitate the dam would include improvements to its physical condition and stability, hydraulic capacity, public and operator safety, site access, and mechanical equipment.

The project received an additional \$700,000 last month, bring the total to \$4.2M.

But Karen Feeley of Parks Canada told *The Highlander* that a detailed engineering assessment as part of the design of the project has since indicated that, while the dam remains safe, a full replacement is the best way to achieve the longest possible asset life for the dam. She said a new dam would also be designed to meet modern design standards for performance and public safety.

On-site work is planned for late August until May 2017, which includes the restoration of the site.

Horseshoe Lake Road at the dam location will be closed temporarily from late August or early September into November to facilitate the work. More information about the schedule will be available later this summer when a construction contractor is in place.

Horseshoe Dam provides the water flow for the Minden Wild Water Preserve. While



The existing horseshoe dam. *Submitted*.

the overall capacity of the dam will be reduced during construction to facilitate the work, its ability to pass normal daily water flows will be maintained, Feeley said.

For users of the river, access to the area immediately above and below the dam may be restricted during construction, but access to the rest of the river will not. As part of the project, future access routes will be improved. The new dam will also restore public access across the dam by providing a safe pedestrian walkway separated from

the operating deck. Further, the dam will operate much the same as it does today, with stop log operated top flow, and a look that maintains the appearance of the landscape and honours the history of the site. While mechanical equipment will be upgraded to make log adjustments more efficient, the existing historic crab winches will also remain as a fully functional back-up system.

Feeley said Parks Canada has met with members of Whitewater Ontario, who

represent the Minden Wild Water Preserve, and will continue to work closely with them, the Township of Minden Hills, Haliburton County and local cottage groups, to reduce any impact of construction on the multiple users of the Gull River system and area.

For up-to-date news on infrastructure work at the Trent-Severn Waterway and watershed, visit [www.pc.gc.ca/tsw/infrastructure](http://www.pc.gc.ca/tsw/infrastructure) or e-mail [TrentSevern@pc.gc.ca](mailto:TrentSevern@pc.gc.ca).

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Christi Reynolds donates blood at this week's Canadian Blood Services blood donor clinic. *Photo by Alex Coop*

## Duchene shows up for blood drive

By Alex Coop

More than 252 people will benefit from the 84 units of blood that were donated by people at the Canadian Blood Services blood clinic Monday afternoon in Haliburton.

The clinic, organized by the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce was set up at the Haliburton Legion. Colorado Avalanche all-star and hometown hero Matt Duchene greeted guests and helped promote the event. Due to his training, he wasn't able to give blood himself.

Melissa Smith McGuire, Canadian Blood Services' territory manager, said the afternoon was highly successful, but they are hoping to increase their goal for their next visit Sept. 26.

"We would like to collect 96 units," she said. "We're going to be looking for individuals and groups, like businesses, churches, community and school groups to come in and donate together."

The clinic Sept. 26 will start at 1:30 and go to 7 p.m.

## Minden tent and trailer park owner wants people off his road

By Lisa Gervais

The owner of South Lake Tent and Trailer Park, Richard Ye, asked Minden Hills to build a road for residents now accessing their property using his tent and trailer park's driveway.

He said there was an agreement between council and previous park owners to allow homeowners living beside the park to use the main road through the park to get to their residences. He said at the time there was only a few homeowners but there are 20 families using his road all year round. He said he was told when the number of families exceeded 10, the township would build a new access road for them.

He said he had four concerns: that the permanent residents were causing damage to the road, especially in the spring and fall and not contributing to maintenance costs; that there had been several off-season break-ins and they would

like to close access to the main road in the off-season and permanent residents speed through the park in vehicles creating a nuisance and safety risk. He added they would like to stop people accessing the park in the off-season for camping.

"As you can see, it is time for the permanent residents to have their own access road to eliminate the various issues that are occurring more frequently and the increased cost of maintaining the main park road. I hope you will take all of these points into account and agree it is time to build the road access for the permanent residents."

Reeve Brent Devolin said council had found no evidence of any agreement over the Kendrick Creek Lane, Minden, property and that a deeded, untitled access agreement perhaps predated Ye's acquisition of the property. He added it may be a civil matter and outside of council's authority. However, the item has been referred to staff.

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# Highlander environment

## Summit to address forest and lake health

By Lisa Gervais

The health of the county's forests and waterways is the focus of this Saturday's Forest and Lake Health Summit in Wilberforce.

Highlands East is staging the first of its kind event Saturday morning at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre.

Spokesman Curtis Tighe stressed it is a free event that will be packed with information for both full-time and seasonal residents.

Tighe said it is an initiative of the municipality's environmental committee as identified in the strategic plan.

He said that at first they were going to focus on forest health only but decided to expand to water health and are encouraging cottagers to come out.

There will be speakers from Haliburton County, the Bancroft Minden Forest Company, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, the Coalition of

Haliburton Property Owners Association and the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters. Some of the topics to be discussed include: forest pests, such as emerald ash borer and hemlock woolly adelgid; Asian long-horned beetle, invasive species, forest health, lake health and septic health.

Tighe said Beech bark disease remains a major problem in the county.

He said the day should arm people with information and ways to tackle some of these forest and lake threats.

"Experts will answer all of your questions, and provide information and material on a wide variety of topics that affect your properties," he said.

"It's all about what can be done to mitigate these pests and to improve the environment together."

The summit is between 9 a.m. and noon at 2249 Loop Rd., Wilberforce.

For more information, contact Tighe at [ctighe@highlandseast.ca](mailto:ctighe@highlandseast.ca); 705-448-2981 x226.

## Hike Haliburton Festival open for registrations

Registrations for the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Hike Haliburton Festival are now open with Canada's largest hiking festival also offering its first pre-festival hike tomorrow (July 22).

The first event is Bear Mountain Adventures. It is a canoe trip and hike that will take participants to the far corners of the county, paddling the length of remote Livingstone Lake, past a 110 metre rock face to the portage at the end of the lake. The portage will take hikers by the waterfall and chute in Bear Lake.

The other pre-events are:

Aug. 6: Come to Camp: take a wander through Camp Can-Aqua, a traditional, co-ed summer camp and outdoor centre on the eastern edge of the Highlands. See what the camp has to offer and join in on a gentle walk around their small private lake.

Aug. 28: Garlic Festival Gallivant: The Haliburton County Garlic Growers and Abbey Gardens are teaming up this year for the 9<sup>th</sup> annual garlic festival, an event

fostering food, healthy eating and energy sustainability in the Highlands.

Sept. 18: Fabulous Falls: High Falls is a special place. To get there, you will follow an old road through a red pine plantation that becomes a footpath northward through hardwood forests on the west side of the York River.

The festival itself is expected to have more than 1,500 people participate in more than 80 guided hikes throughout the Highlands. Hikers of all ages and abilities will come from all over Ontario – and beyond – from Sept. 22-25.

It goes beyond just traditional hiking, heavily integrating the arts, culture, heritage and foodie experiences to showcase the area.

The closing ceremony on the 25th will take place at the Highland's biggest picnic ever, in Head Lake Park in the Village, featuring local food vendors, craft beers, live entertainment, contests and more. (Lisa Gervais).



### Round Two

Johnny Burke and Ryan Valieshout play some smooth guitar at Head Lake Park during the Rotary Club of Haliburton's Music in the Park 2016. This was the second show of the summer on the heels of musician Jeff Moulton and the Movin' On's performance on July 5. The next show July 19 will feature Zoe Chilco and The Amazing Band. Photo by Alex Coop.

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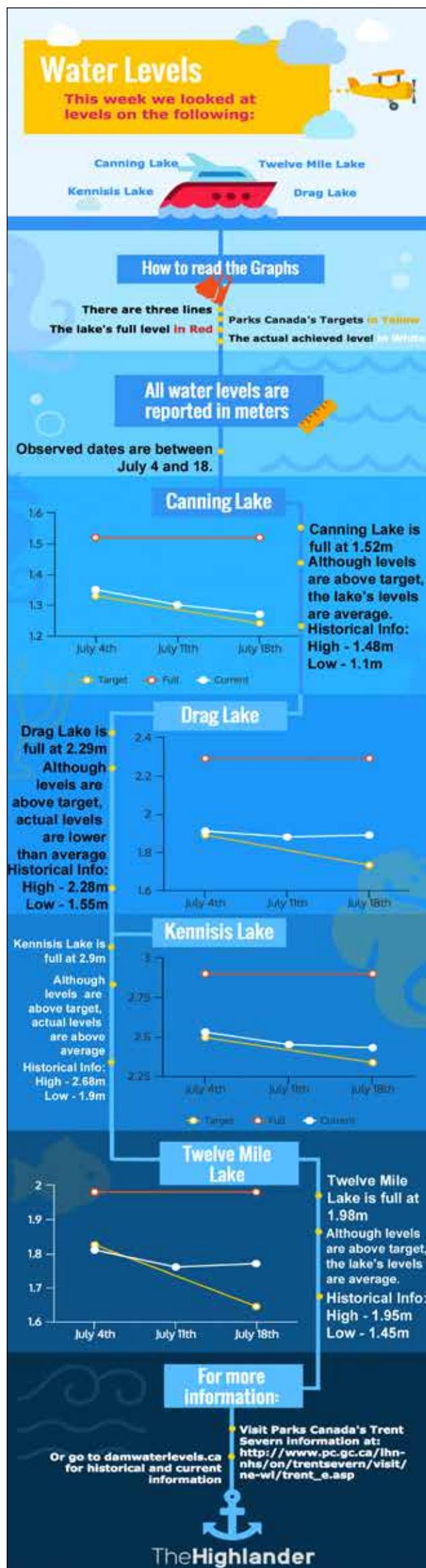
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# Highlander news



Const. Timothy Negus, left, and new detachment commander Richard Riopelle stand in front of the OPP detachment in Minden. Photo by Alex Coop

## New commander looks to build strong support system

By Alex Coop

He has only been on the job for two weeks, but Haliburton's new Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachment commander already knows property crimes and animal-vehicle collisions are trends that require his attention.

Staff Sgt. Richard Riopelle replaced the local detachment's former commander, Chad Bark, on July 4, and although the transition to the highlands is incomplete - Riopelle described his temporary living conditions as "tight" - he was quick to say during a meet and greet with media last Friday that he is going to lean on the community for help.

"It's about building those relationships with ATV groups, cottage associations and the MNRF," he said, adding he also wants to have a very cooperative relationship with the media.

"These collaborative strategies with partners will be used to reduce trends in the community ... we [OPP] can't do it alone."

Riopelle's 17 years of policing do not reveal any visible battle scars or snowy white hair, but his resume indicates he has had extensive experience.

His career began in Essex County in 1999, but he quickly

transferred to the northeast region of Ontario where he served as a frontline officer in Noelville.

After a long stint in the OPP's East Region Headquarters, Riopelle headed north to Sioux Lookout in 2010, where he became the operations manager and the manager for the North West Patrol Unit, which included two First Nations patrol areas.

"I've had the opportunity to work in a municipal setting in Essex, then in a setting as far north as you can go within the OPP," Riopelle laughed. "I have a broad history in traffic from working with the 400-series highways ... having the opportunity to have worked on all aspects of front line policing throughout the province is very helpful."

Const. Timothy Negus, who is also the local detachment's new media relation's officer, praised Riopelle and the knowledge he is bringing to the table.

"He's a very down-to-earth guy who has been all over the place," Negus said. "It has been very easy working with him."

His wife and teen triplets have accompanied Riopelle on his relocation to Haliburton.

"We sought this place out as a family," he said, adding they are building a new home in the community.

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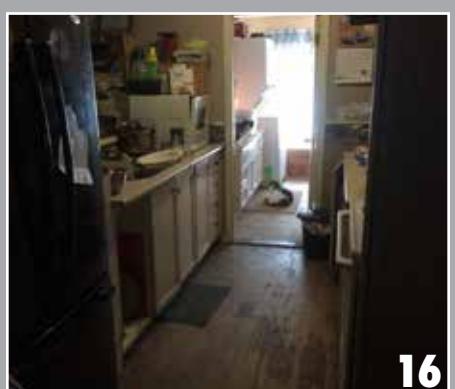
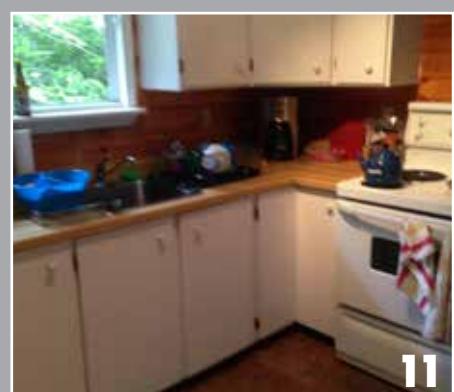
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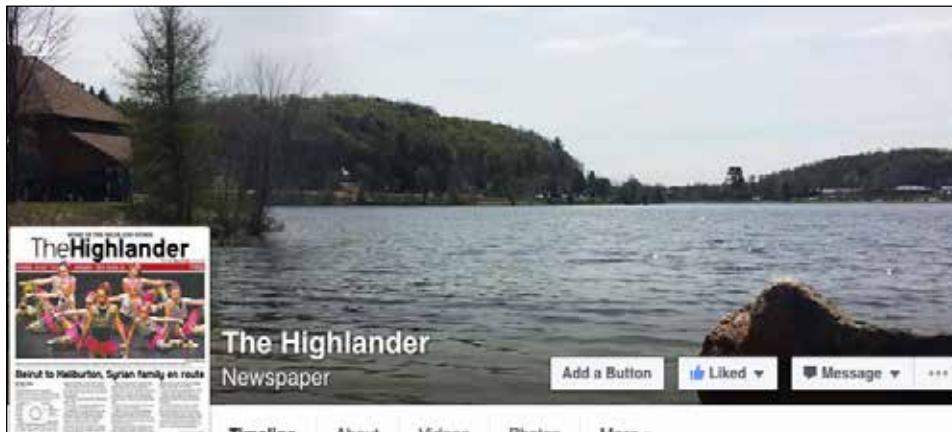


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Barbara Braker donates to the Minden Health Care Auxiliary last Friday outside the Valu-Mart in Minden. Photo by Lisa Gervais.

## Auxiliaries raise \$7,200 for health care

By Mark Arike

Volunteers from both local hospital auxiliaries were out and about last Friday to raise money for health care in the Highlands.

The Haliburton auxiliary raised more than \$4,900 while the Minden auxiliary exceeded \$2,300 through the annual Tag Day initiative. Volunteers were stationed at various businesses throughout the county to collect donations.

"We heard so many wonderful comments about our hospital and staff from our donors

as they gave generously to support our efforts" said Jacqui Clarkson, president of the Haliburton auxiliary.

The funds raised in Haliburton will help build an accessible washroom in the hospital's emergency department.

Minden auxiliary president Mickey Bonham was equally as happy with the result.

"We have some very generous shoppers in Minden," said Bonham, pointing out they raised \$700 more than last year.

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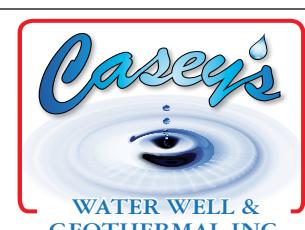
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# Highlander outdoors

## Stay safe on your bike this summer

### Two bike crashes already this season

By Alex Coop

Her truck tires had deflated significantly while parked at the airport for two weeks, but Jessica Kline was thankful it wasn't her motorcycle.

"Deflated tires on a motorcycle are definitely less safe ... I would have had one heck of a time getting home if I wasn't driving my truck," said the motorsport enthusiast and owner of Backwoods Promotions, an Ontario-based motorsports marketing company.

But making sure your tires are inflated is just one of many safety measures motorcycle owners should consider, Kline said.

Her comments came after a 40-year-old man from Clarington was killed in a motorcycle accident on Highway 118 recently. Since then, a Minden Hills man was injured in a motorcycle accident recently in the Bracebridge area.

Cooler temperatures can affect bike performance, and so can the thin layers of sand and debris on the road, Kline said.

"When you're taking tight turns, that debris can cause you to slide easier if you're going too fast," she said.

Proper safety gear is also critical. It won't prevent one from being ejected from the seat in an accident, Kline said, but it could mean the difference between life and death in the ensuing collision with the ground.

"I've gone down in full gear, and thank goodness I was wearing it because it saved my skin," she said.

Whether it's textile or leather, full body armour is a must and it should be accompanied by a pair of boots that cover the ankles.

"A lot of people break their ankles when they get into an accident because they're trying to put their foot down to brace themselves," Kline explained. "And I always stress gloves because your hands are usually the first thing that hits that ground when you go down."

Kline has ridden across the Highlands on her motorcycle several times. She plans on doing it again later this year.

The county's rolling plains, the twists in the road and the natural environments that surround it are difficult to come by anywhere else, Kline said.

"The overall landscape is just gorgeous, and it's not something you get in your urban areas like Niagara and Toronto."



Experts stress motorcycle maintenance. Photo by Mark Arike.

But the natural beauty comes with certain dangers that could take anyone driving on the road by surprise.

Haliburton County ranks second to Manitoulin Island for vehicle collisions with deer.

Before embarking on a trip across the Highlands, riders should pay close attention to the weather and understand what

potential wildlife might cross their path.

When it comes to road construction, the motorcycle's smaller frame isn't an excuse for zipping through construction zones either.

"It's just best if you go slow and always be hyper-aware of your surroundings," Kline said.



### Harold Floden bass tourney winners

The Harold Floden bass only tournament was held recently. Here, sports chairman John Glassey, right, presents winner, Robbie Mirams, with two trophies. One is for largest bass and one is for total weight (6.29 lbs. caught on Elephant Lake). In second place was Len Dusome (5.74 lbs total weight, Cardiff Lake) and third place, Dan Graham (5.39 lbs., Monrock Lake). Submitted.



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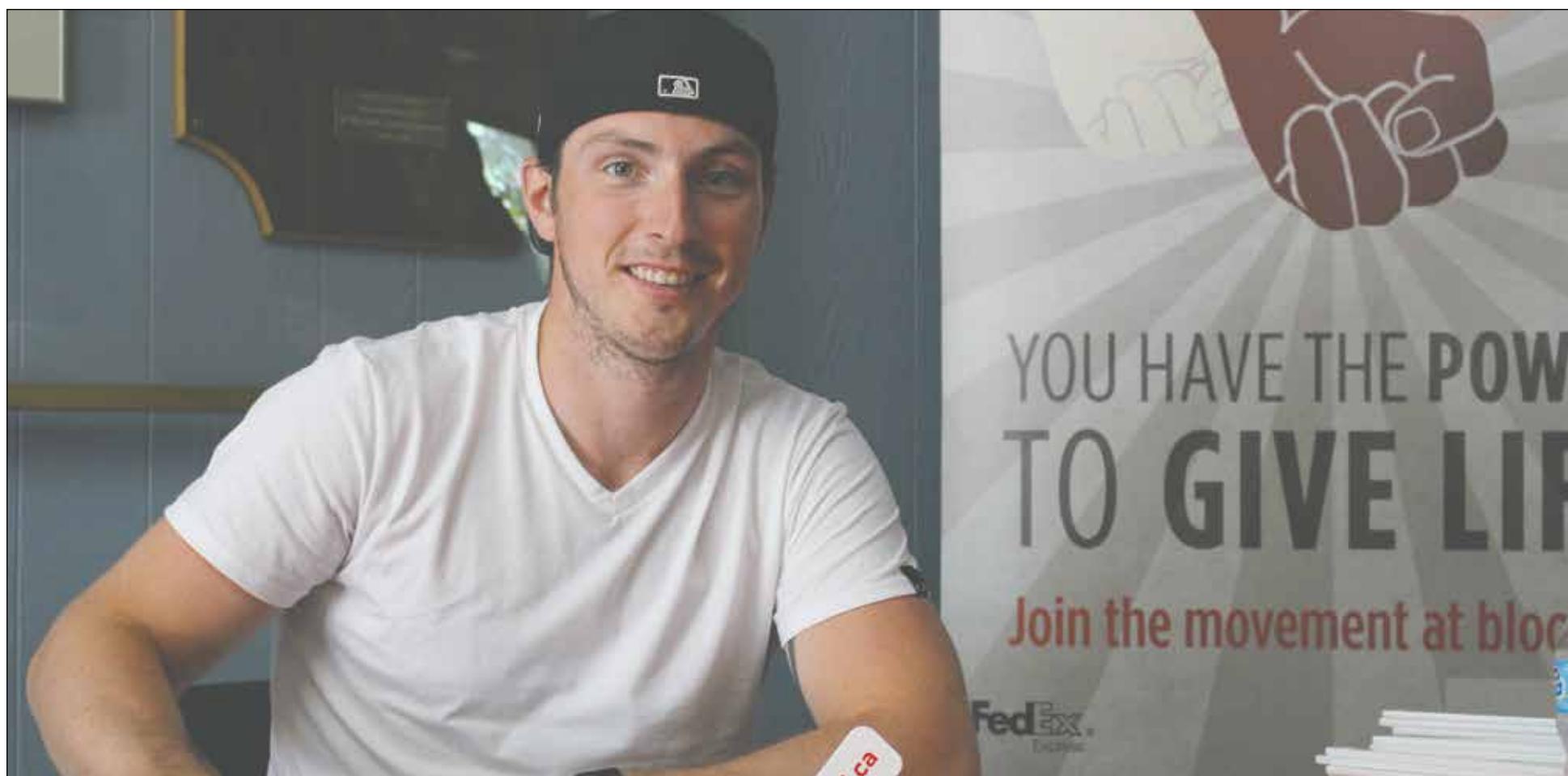
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Home-town hockey star Matt Duchene is ready for the upcoming Word Cup of Hockey and the NHL season. *Photo by Alex Coop.*

## Matt Duchene ready for World Cup

By Alex Coop

After making Canada's final roster in May, home-grown NHL all-star, Matt Duchene told *the Highlander* this week that the upcoming World Cup of Hockey is his top priority.

"It even comes before (the Colorado) Avalanche training camp," the 25-year-old said Monday, while attending a Canadian Blood Services clinic at the Haliburton Legion.

But the World Cup and training camp are loosely tied together, he said, adding a

first place finish at this fall's international tournament could lead to success in the NHL season.

"Whatever happens at the World Cup will translate over to the season," he said.

Duchene is fresh off a gold medal win at the World Championships in Moscow, Russia, this spring.

But before the World Cup starts, Duchene is looking forward to some down time.

"I've got a busy week ahead of me with some different events, but after that it'll calm down a bit so I'll get to relax a bit more and focus on my training."

Duchene is taking part in the Matt Duchene charity golf classic today at Pinestone. It is the Haliburton Highlands Health Services' major fundraising event of the year.

From Sept. 17 to Oct. 1, eight teams – Team Canada, Team Czech Republic, Team Finland, Team Russia, Team Sweden, Team USA, Team Europe and Team North America – will compete in a best-on-best international hockey championship.

The two-week tournament, featuring more than 150 of the best players in the NHL, will progress from the preliminary round to

the semifinals and ultimately the final. All tournament games will be played at the Air Canada Centre in Toronto.

After that, Duchene will head to the Avalanche training camp for the rest of the team's pre-season games. They kick off their regular season on Saturday, Oct. 16 this year. The centre is headed for some milestones as he should hit the 500-game mark early on this season. His regular season career statistics sit at 495 games played, 156 goals and 221 assists for 377 points. Last season, he hit the 30-goal mark, along with 29 assists for 59 points.

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Above: Jordan LaPierre soars in for the layup. Top right: Gordon Cochrane talks to some young basketball players before a drill.. Photos by Alex Coop.



## Basketball workouts popular with kids

By Alex Coop

Fifteen-year-old McCaley Campbell travels from Brooklyn to Haliburton every week. She and her father often grab a bite to eat while absorbing the beautiful scenery, but it's not the main reason they visit.

A two-hour basketball workout at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School gymnasium is their primary destination.

The summer workouts are in their fourth year and are led by Haliburton volunteers Gordon Cochrane, Dan LaPierre and Jane Grieves.

McCaley is the only girl who attends and, so far, is the participant who travels the furthest.

But it's worth it, she says.

"I'm OK being the only girl here," McCaley said after a workout last Friday. "The coaches are very nice, and it's nice having a different coach, because every year I get the same one in high school."

What began as some casual workouts on the blacktop basketball court next to the high school in 2012 has blossomed into a constructive work out session that is free of charge for children between the ages of 11 and 18, every Wednesday and Friday.

Cochrane said the lack of opportunities to play basketball outside of the school environment motivated him to organize something for youth.

"I approached a couple (of) guys at first and asked if workouts in the summer were something they would want to come out to," he said, adding one of those players was this year's Red Hawks captain, Hunter Smith, who helped lead the senior team to a silver medal at the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletic Association's (COSSA) tournament at HHSS.

The team's 6-1 regular season record and triple-overtime victory against I.E. Weldon High School earlier this year sent waves across the Kawartha West conference and set the stage perfectly for the COSSA showdown at home.

The transition from the outdoor blacktop to the smooth indoor court was a major evolution of the workout program, Cochrane said.

"For two years, we had all of these sessions outside," he chuckled.

But with the help of the municipality and its recreation program coordinator, Andrea Mueller, the indoor space was finally secured last year, and Cochrane finally had permission to run practices free of charge.

"Gordon really wanted to keep the program free for youth," Mueller said. "Without him, this program wouldn't be possible."

Arthroscopic surgery on his right knee has slowed Cochrane down, but it hasn't kept him from being as hands-on as possible during practice sessions.

He walks through basketball fundamentals and stops the drill when he sees something that needs to be addressed.

"Make sure you're taking off with your right foot!" he yells during a layup drill.

Cochrane said he hopes the program continues to draw young athletes. He has already noticed a growing interest in basketball in Haliburton.

"The natural outgrowth of that is better players and better teams," he said. "We want to feed into that and see the growth continue."

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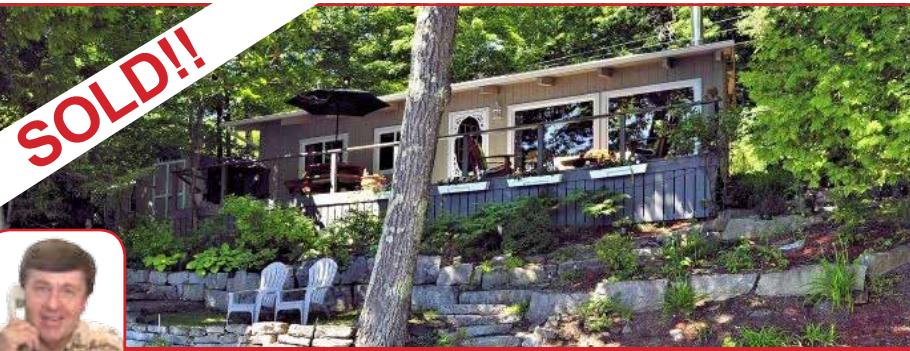


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Left: Wilberforce resident Anne Cohoon enters several tickets in a draw for a new mountain bike. Right: Barb Schofield stands next to the Mad Hatter table. She donated about 100 hats for people to decorate. Photos by Mark Arike.

## Wilberforce penny raffle a gigantic party

By Mark Arike

Clowns, games and about 200 prizes equalled a winning recipe at this year's Gigantic Penny Raffle fundraiser in Wilberforce.

The full-day event raised \$3,200 for new rubber flooring for the change rooms and entrance to the Keith Tallman Memorial Arena, which happened to be the event's

venue.

Visitors purchased a sheet of 25 tickets for \$2 and received two free sheets for every \$10 spent.

Then they took their tickets and placed them in the buckets located next to the prizes they desired most.

"We're over 150 [prize] donations, probably closer to 200," said organizer Kathy Rodgers, adding that all of the

prizes were donated by local businesses and individuals.

The Old Rec Fundraising committee and other volunteers contributed their time and energy to the cause.

The draws were held in the evening, during which time kids and adults were able to decorate a hat at the Mad Hatter table.

They paraded their creations around the

arena for all to see.

Resident Barb Schofield donated about 100 hats.

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Haliburton Highlands Museum director Kate Butler sits next to some leftover books after the museum's weekend book sale. She says that the museum may set up a small book station in the museum using the many reads that still remain in their possession. *Photo by Alex Coop.*

## Final book sale a success

By Alex Coop

It was a bittersweet ending.

The Haliburton Highlands Museum hosted its final book sale on the weekend and sold more than \$1,000 worth of books.

"It's amazing when you think about it, since most books are purchased with pocket change," said the museum's director Kate Butler. "And people are so generous, they round up a lot."

A lack of storage for the books put Butler in a tough spot, since she had to find a way to offload the overwhelming amount of used books she receives every year.

"We sell a ton of books every year, and we still have so many left over," she said.

The call has gone out to individuals or organizations who might be interested in purchasing books for their own collection.

Butler hinted at the possibility of the book sale returning one day, but not for awhile.

"There is definitely a hiatus on the book sale for now," she laughed.

With the open weekend, Butler said she would like to see the weekend filled with another event next summer.

"It'll be nice to introduce a new fundraising event for the museum," she said.

"But I do know people will be disappointed that the book sale is no more."

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# Highlander events

## Visitors go back in time

By Mark Arike

Close to 1,000 people got a taste of the good ol' days at the 14th annual Stanhope Heritage Day.

Overcast skies made it comfortable for visitors who travelled to the museum grounds on Saturday.

"It's been a steady flow of people since we opened the doors at nine o'clock," said event coordinator Charlene McConnell.

"It's just a really fun day for the whole family."

A mix of 30 vendors and attractions were part of the event, including demonstrations, antique cars, farm animals, a bake sale and children's activities. Live entertainment was provided by local acts The Tentshakers and Celtic Slow Jam.

Dozens of volunteers contributed to the event's success.



Top: Fern von Zuben waves as she rides Skittles, a pony from South Algonquin Summer Horse Camp. Left: Laura Ghallager-Brinden of Speaking of Wildlife does show and tell with a great horned owl. Right: Celtic Jam plays for an audience under a tent. Photos by Mark Arike.

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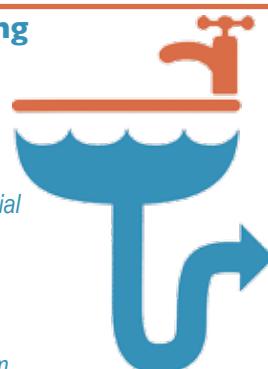
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Left: Abbey Gardens employee Kyrie Stoll grinds up red fife wheat with a device that is a miniature version of the facility's stone mill. Top right: Andrew von Zuben sharpens a saw. Above: Face painter Melissa Alfano shows Sophia Leece, 7, her new look. *Photos by Mark Arike.*

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The Tebworth Brothers, Marshal and Wyatt, performed each day of the festival. They have been part of the lineup from the beginning.  
Photo by Mark Arike.

## Festival draws 600 blues fans

By Mark Arike

The Minden Hills Bluegrass Festival continues to be a popular event.

About 150 trailers took over the Minden fairgrounds between July 15 and 17 for the sixth annual event. At peak times, 600 or so people gathered to enjoy the sounds of Canada's finest touring bluegrass bands.

And this year, festival founder Dennis Casey said day pass sales were "way up."

Featured acts included BenTTree Bluegrass Band, CR5 Bluegrass, David & Grant, Georgian Blue, Grassic Measures, The Nelson Family, The Tebworth Brothers, Traditionally Wound and Winterline.

Each year, the event is put on with the help of volunteers from the Rotary Club of Minden, Minden Kin Club, fair board and the Minden Legion. Any profits that are made are shared amongst the groups.

Casey estimates that a total of \$15,000 has been distributed to the organizations since the festival started.

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## Kids play ball for Dawson

By Mark Arike

A local baseball tournament is keeping Dawson Hamilton's memory alive.

Ninety-four kids from Minden's youth softball league took part in the second Dawson Hamilton Memorial Tournament at the township's ball diamonds on Sunday.

"It was excellent," said Craig Smith, who organized the event with his wife, Tammy. "There wasn't a complaint at all."

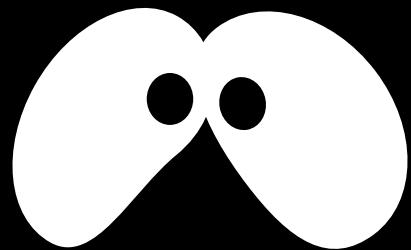
Dawson, a Minden boy, lost his five-year battle with leukemia on Jan. 10, 2010. He was two weeks away from his 10th birthday.

Participants ranged in age between three and 14. They were grouped into 12 teams and played three games.

Other festivities included a ball throwing contest and fastest base runner competition.

Each child received a medal at the end of the day, courtesy of the township. Smith gave special thanks to volunteers, Owen Patterson Smith, Nigel Smith, Aiden Garbutt and Owen Gilbert for running the skills competition, and Shawn Walker for pitching. The youth league has 207 players.

Above left: From left, Tammy Smith, Scot Hamilton, Jazmin Smith, Tanner Hamilton and Craig Smith. Left: The junior blastballers and blastballers line up to receive their medals at the Dawson Hamilton Memorial Tournament. Photos submitted by Cheryl Smith.



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Above: Local artist Laura Trach with a few of her custom-made bras. Left: Registered massage therapist Melissa Tong provides an infant massage demonstration. Photos by Mark Arike.

## Health and wellness expo attracts 45 vendors

By Mark Arike

The organizers of the first Haliburton Highlands Health and Wellness Expo are blissfully happy.

A total of 45 local vendors lined the walkway in Head Lake Park on Saturday for what will be an annual event.

"For the first time, it's been amazing," said Val Balaski, who pulled the event together with the help of Kristy Bourgeois and Susan Danilko.

The response was positive from vendors

and many have already signed up for next year, said Balaski.

Small business owners showcased their products and services, and some even offered live fitness classes. The keynote speakers were nutritionists Meghan Telpner and her husband Josh Gitalis.

Local musician Cassidy Glecoff hit the stage for an hour-long performance.

The new event came to fruition with the support of the municipality and Andrea Mueller, recreation program coordinator. "The communication back and forth was

great," said Balaski.

She plans on surveying vendors in the fall for more feedback.

"If everyone is happy with having it here and we want to make this the base, then we'll continue to do it here," she said.

There is a possibility it could move to a different part of the county and extend to two days.

"It's about these small businesses getting the attention so people know they're here," she said.

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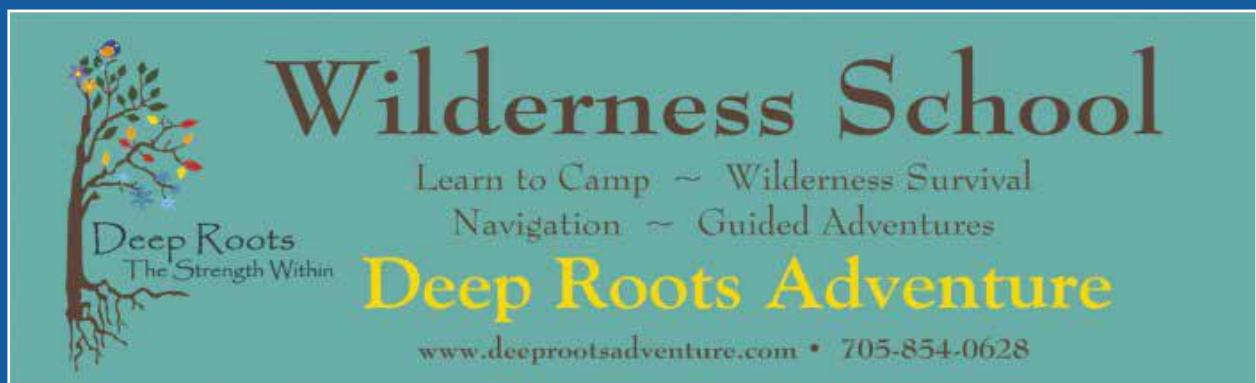
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Left: Tour de Forest coordinator Charlene McConnell, centre, speaks to artist Mike Townsend. Right: Artists Jane Selbie, left, and Barbara Hart chat during a Tour de Forest meet and greet at Baked & Battered on July 12. Photos by Mark Arike.

## Annual tour hits 10-year milestone

By Mark Arike

Mike Townsend and Barbara Hart are returning artists on the Tour de Forest, but this year they will be greeting visitors at their own studios.

They are just two of the 26 artists featured on the 10th annual tour, which takes place July 30-31 at 14 studios.

Originally from Fergus, Townsend first came to the Highlands to study in the ecosystem management program at Fleming College. He left for a few years to run a fishing camp near Sault Ste. Marie.

The 42-year-old creates handmade, functional wooden pieces such as knife blocks, cheese boards, bottle openers and salad tongs.

“It’s only been slowly building up for the last year,” said Townsend, who considers himself an emerging artist.

He has always been interested in wood and has worked on renovation projects alone and with his father.

“I just wanted [to do] something a little

more refined,” explained Townsend. “I like working with my hands, and really wanted to get out of the computer side of things. I just kind of picked this up and went with it.”

His studio, called Twisted Twig Handcrafted Wood Creations, is located off Stouffer Street in Minden. He is a full-time resident.

Townsend learned about the tour when he was a member of the now defunct artisans collective known as the Art Hive. He applied and was featured as a guest artist at Jane Selbie’s studio in Haliburton.

“It was interesting,” he said of the experience. “It was just good all around.”

When he’s not producing art, Townsend works in sales at Algonquin Outfitters.

Sandi Prentice, a maker of silver-plated spoon rings and bracelets, will be his guest artist.

Painter Barbara Hart has two residences, but Haliburton is the place she calls home.

“I’m one of those ones who can’t decide where I live,” joked Hart, who is a

professional viola player in Toronto.

“My heart is in Haliburton; it absolutely fills the well up,” she said.

What first attracted Hart to the Highlands was the Haliburton School of the Arts, now the Haliburton School of Art and Design. She has taken many courses there over the years.

This will be her second year on the tour. Last year she was a guest at Tom Green’s studio. The glass artist is fond of her work and encouraged her to come on board.

“It was lovely being over there with Tom,” recalled Hart, who displayed her paintings in his garden.

She is looking forward to welcoming visitors to her studio, Art By Hart, at 1028 Grandview Lane off County Road 21.

Hart is happy to be part of a group of “wonderful artists and people.”

“Being amongst the artists, listening to them talk, having the meetings, communicating with them, admiring their work ... it’s so much nicer than just sort of bashing away at it on your own,” she said.

To celebrate the 10th anniversary, the artists’ work is being showcased at local restaurant Baked & Battered. Several of these artists and members of the public gathered at the restaurant recently for a Meet the Tour de Forest Artists celebration.

“We did this specifically because it’s our 10th anniversary,” said Charlene McConnell, tour chairperson and participating artist.

Everyone who applies to be on the tour must submit a cover letter of their artistic background and three to five physical pieces for the jury committee. All have some sort of connection, past or present, to the Highlands, said McConnell.

Many of the studios are in Haliburton, but some are also in Minden and West Guilford.

The tour runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on both days.

For more information and a map visit haliburontourdeforest.com.



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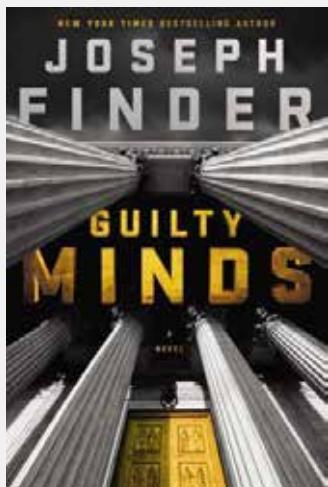
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Grammy and Juno award-winning singer/songwriter Alfie Zappacosta is coming to Pinestone's new music festival this summer. Photo by NAIT Digital Cinema Productions, via flickr Creative Commons.

## Music Festival welcomes Canadian talent

By Mark Arike

Every week in August, music lovers will be able to sit back, relax and watch the sunset as they enjoy live entertainment on the shore of Pinestone Resort's 14-acre pond.

The lineup for the first Edgewater Music Festival will feature Grammy and Juno award-winning singer/songwriter Alfie Zappacosta, Reggae band Circle 5 and acapella group The Nylons. Special mid-week and family shows are being added to the roster.

John Teljeur, general manager of the resort, decided to launch a festival by the water after attending The Forest Festival at the Bone Lake Amphitheatre last summer.

"When I saw that and kind of looked around to see what they were doing, I thought there's no reason we couldn't do this at Pinestone," said Teljeur.

"I'm pretty excited about the lineup."

Lesley English, general manager of the Forest Festival for the past few years, was brought on-board in April as producer.

"It's taken a bit of time to get all the ducks in a row," said English. "Initially, we had wanted to go in with a really big splash, but I think we're scaling it back. We're tip-toeing in the shallow end before diving in the steep end."

A temporary 12-by-16-foot stage will be erected and lighting will illuminate the area.

"This was part of our plan to kind of improve the waterfront," said Teljeur.

A portion of ticket sales will be donated to local charities and non-profit organizations. For example, Zappacosta's show will benefit children's autism. Circle 5's concert will support the YWCA women's shelter.

The price of tickets will range depending

on the artist, said English.

Patrons are invited to bring their own lawn chairs and blankets.

Teljeur plans to continue the festival next year, and intends to make it bigger and add more dates.

"The idea was to create a whole summer full of festivals and events," he said.

English is looking forward to introducing audiences to familiar and not-so-familiar acts.

"There's an embarrassment of riches when it comes to Canadian talent," she said.

Zappacosta will kick off the festival on Aug. 7, Circle 5 will take the stage on Aug. 12 and The Nylons will perform on Aug. 21. All shows start at 7 p.m.

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Matt Duchene always brings great auction items, such as this hockey sweater (above), to his namesake tournament. *File photo.*

## Golfers tee off for charity

By Lisa Gervais

Nearly 200 golfers have descended on the Pinestone Resort golf course today for the Matt Duchene charity golf classic.

The money-maker for the Haliburton Highlands Health Services is into its 19<sup>th</sup> year.

*The Highlander* caught up with the HHHS's Dale Walker Tuesday as she prepared for what is their biggest fundraising event of the calendar year.

Walker said 192 golfers have registered for the day, which "is great" and slightly up on last year's numbers, when \$53,000 was raised.

"It's pretty crazy, getting down to the wire," Walker said of the looming tournament.

The weather forecast looks good and organizers are "very pleased" with Mother Nature, whilst still keeping their fingers crossed due to her fickle nature.

This year's proceeds are earmarked for a bone densitometry machine.

Bone densitometry is a test like an X-ray that quickly and accurately measures the density of bone. It is used primarily to detect osteopenia or osteoporosis, diseases in which the bone's mineral and density are low and the risk of fractures is increased.

Walker said project costs are approximately \$175,000.

"It's a new service here," Walker said. "People won't have to travel to

Huntsville, Peterborough, Lindsay or Barrie to have it done."

She said the test is 45 minutes long and travelling to get it can involve a minimum 45 minute drive with time off work for themselves or to drive an aging parent. "It's nice they can have it done right here in the Highlands."

She said the charity golf classic is a big event that this year has 30-plus volunteers. She said volunteers had been at the course all week.

She said it is not only an important fundraiser, but "the golfers enjoy it."

They have had years when the weather has not co-operated, with torrential downpours, thunder and lightning and other years when it has been scorching. "So, that's just what happens. Golfers are pretty resilient and just carry on."

They also love the various on-course contests, such as closest to, and hole-in-one competitions. The after-links activities are also a major draw with some wonderful prizes and auction items always up for grabs.

"The Matt Duchene donated items are always very, very good. Depending on the year, and what has happened in hockey, they are hotly contested," Walker said.

This year, there are almost 50 silent auction items.

"It's really a great event and we are fortunate that he allowed us to use his name, and that he is here for the day and will speak tonight."



A golfer hits a shot from the fairway. *File photo.*

## Tour raises \$3,000 for Artists in the Schools

By Mark Arike

The second annual Art on the Dock tour has raised almost \$3,000 for the Artists in the Schools program.

The generosity of participating artists, members of the public and sponsors made the donation possible.

"The real winners were the children of Haliburton County," said Kate Butler, acting chair of the Arts Council.

Hosted by the Kennisis Lake Cottagers' Association, the tour featured the work of 40 artists at 19 locations around Kennisis Lake. It took place July 9-10.

Toonie jars were placed at some of the

locations and many of the artists donated their work to a silent auction held at a luncheon hosted by the KLCOA. It raised \$1,000.

This year, the Artists in Schools program provided hands-on arts experiences to 730 students in Grades 1-8 at five elementary schools in the county. Classes have included clay and pottery, painting, drum circles, dance and weaving.

The program, which is run by the Arts Council, has an operating budget of \$12,000.

Last year's tour raised \$1,200.



Kate Butler, acting Arts Council chair, left, accepts a cheque from Cathy Whittaker, Art on the Dock organizer and KLCOA board member. *Photo submitted by Tayce Wakefield.*



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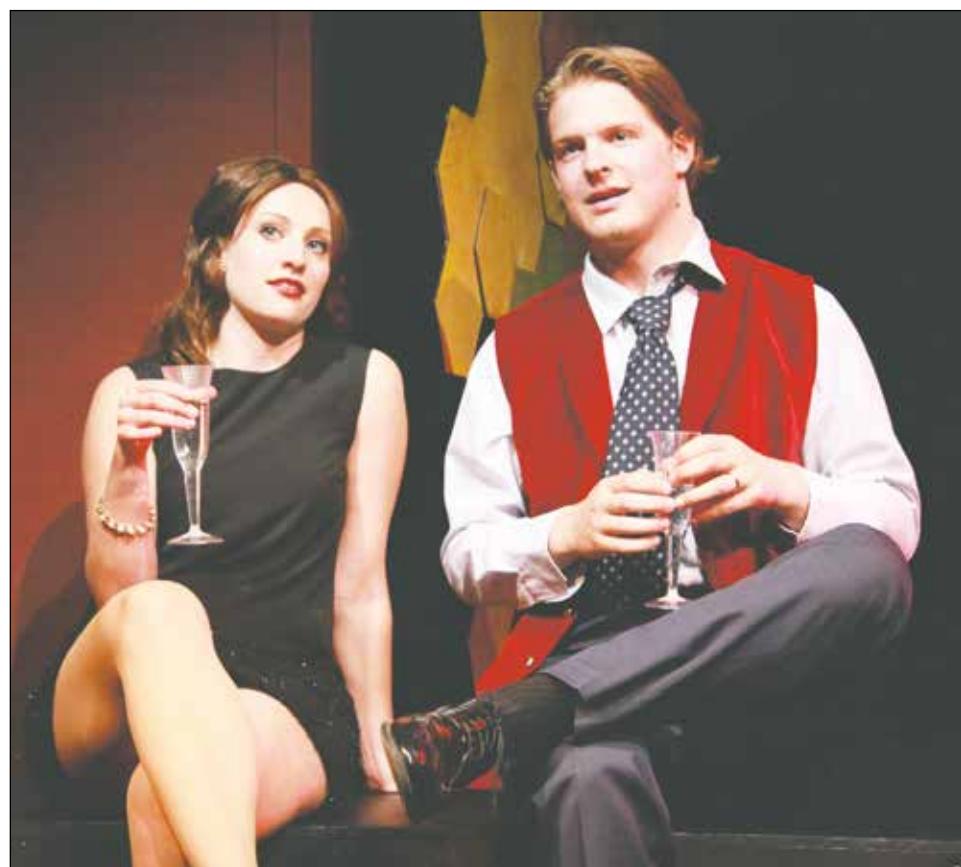


# Old Love takes to the stage

Bud, played by Brian Kipping, who has been trying to win the attention of Molly, played by Sue Black, presents her with a flower he picked up from her husband's grave. (top photo) Needless to say the gesture was not well received. This is a scene from the Highlands Summer Festival's second production of the season, Norm Foster's hilarious comedy *Old Love*.

Jenny Austin and Dylan Isaiah Worth portray a variety of characters in the Norm Foster comedy *Old Love*. Playing

younger individuals as Brian Kipping and Sue Black are the main characters of Bud and Molly, these two actors re-enact flashbacks to the earlier days. In this scene Dylan is Bud's younger self talking with a younger Molly, his boss's wife. The hilarious comedy, the second Highlands Summer Festival production this season, opened Monday July 18 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion and continues until July 29 for eight performances. For tickets call 705-457-9933. *Photos by Lorne Campbell,*



# Highlander opera

## Highlands Opera Studio profiles

The *Highlander* will be profiling some of the young opera talent coming to the county for the upcoming Highland Opera Studio season.



### Lauren Margison

"I am 24, was born and raised in Toronto, but have considered Haliburton County my second home since the age of 10. It is one of my favourite places and is home to some of my favourite people. Getting to work on what you love most, in a place that is so breathtakingly beautiful, is a dream come true. Given the fact that my parents founded HOS and are the artistic and general directors, I have been part of the program in many different ways over the past decade, doing everything from chopping vegetables for lunch, helping out with

social media, to finally having the honour of being a participant. This summer I am lucky enough to return for my first lead role, a role that I am thrilled to have the opportunity to learn and perform. I am counting down the days to August, when I will be working with incredible teachers, coaches, colleagues, friends, and family."

Returning to HOS for her second year, Lauren will be singing the principal role of Marguerite in *Faust* (Aug. 30 and Sept. 1).

Lauren continues her vocal studies under the tutelage of her parents, Richard Margison and Valerie Kuinka, and is incredibly excited and honoured to be joining the Atelier Lyrique, the professional young artist program of the Opéra de Montréal, in September.



### Dylan Wright

"I am 25 years old and come from Calgary, Alta. The role of Mephistopheles is perhaps the most fascinating role that I have ever had the opportunity to perform. I am really looking forward to bringing "the Devil"

to life with such a strong creative and supportive team in what I have heard is a lovely part of the country." Wright will play Mephistopheles in *Faust* here on Aug. 28 and 31. A Canadian bass, Wright has been praised for "seducing the audience with his rich, sonorous voice" (Beat Magazine) and is a recent graduate of the Atelier lyrique de l'Opéra de Montréal. This summer, he made

his American debut as the doctor in 'Macbeth' and the lackey in 'Ariadne auf Naxos' with the Opera Theatre of Saint Louis, where he also covered the roles of Banquo (Macbeth) and Bulbul Fakh for the world premiere of Jack Perla's opera 'Shalimar the Clown'. Earlier this year, Wright performed the roles of the imperial commissioner in 'Madama Butterfly' (Opéra de Montréal), Frère Laurent and Capulet in 'Roméo et Juliette' (Jeunesse Musicales du Canada), and Dulcamara in 'L'elisir d'amore' (Sinfonia de Lanaudière). Previous role highlights include: Figaro and Bartolo (Le nozze di Figaro), Sarastro (Die Zauberflöte), Leporello and Il Commendatore (Don Giovanni), Don Pasquale, Colline (La Bohème), Seneca (L'incoronazione di Poppea), the Old Gypsy (Aleko), and Emile de Becque (South Pacific).



### Danielle MacMillan

"I am 27 years old, born and raised in Toronto. Upon finishing the program last summer, I left with a new sense of self; feeling vocally stronger and mentally

ready to dedicate the rest of my life to this beautiful and crazy world of opera. I am very much looking forward to my second season with Highlands Opera Studio and I cannot wait to collaborate with the incredibly gifted staff, crew and fellow artists. To be surrounded by beautiful lakes, fresh air and towering trees make it that much more special."

Danielle will play Dog in *The Bremen Town Musicians* (Aug. 18). MacMillan is a graduate of the Canadian Opera Company's Ensemble Studio. She made her COC debut as the second niece in Britten's *Peter*

Grimes. She holds a bachelor of fine arts with honours in classical vocal performance from York University, with additional training at Istituzione Teatro Lirico Sperimentale di Spoleto, in Italy and The Glenn Gould School of The Royal Conservatory of Music.

Her credits include Diana in Cavalli's *La Calisto*, second lady in Mozart's *The Magic Flute*, Véronique in Bizet's *Le docteur miracle* (GGS), Cherubino in Mozart's *Le nozze di Figaro* (HOS). MacMillan also appeared as Dorabella in Mozart's *Cosí fan tutte* and covered the role of Garcias in Massenet's *Don Quichotte*. Last fall, she joined Palm Beach Opera's Benenson Young Artist Program where she covered the roles of Mercedes in Bizet's *Carmen* and Komponist in Strauss's *Ariadne auf Naxos*. She will be returning this coming fall, singing in Puccini's *Madama Butterfly*, Verdi's *Rigoletto* and G&S's *Pirates of Penzance*. MacMillan will also be singing the role of Siebel in *Faust* this August with HOS.



### Kijong Wi

*Faust*, *Faust* (Aug. 28 & 31),

"I was born in Korea 37 years ago and am now living in Toronto. Two years ago, I performed the role of Cavaradossi in *Tosca* here and I am thrilled to be performing

the role of *Faust* this year. I am also looking forward to working with The Highlands Opera Studio again and returning to the beautiful and friendly Highlands this August." Wi will appear as *Faust*, in *Faust* Aug. 28 and 31.

A tenor, Wi obtained his Bachelor of Music degree in voice at Chu-Gye University for the Arts in Seoul, Korea. To continue his studies, he studied in Germany, Italy and Switzerland. In Rome, he received a diploma from Accademia di Roma. He then moved to Switzerland to be coached by classic contemporary Italian soprano, Luisa Castellani, at the Conservatorio della Svizzera Italiana. There, he attained his

master's degree in performing arts with honours.

Wi made his international debut in Italy, singing Alfredo Germont in *La Traviata*. During this period, he performed French operas, and German lied. Kijong performed Schumann's 'Dichterliebe' in Switzerland. He participated in various concerts and operas in Italy and Switzerland.

After moving to Canada, he performed in Montreal, Halifax, Moncton and many other cities on the east coast in 25 performances as Don José in *Carmen* with Jeunesse Musicale du Canada. In the same year, Wi performed the role of Don Ottavio (Don Giovanni) and Chevalier de la Force (Dialogues des Carmélites) in Italy. In 2014, he performed as Cavaradossi in *Tosca* with the Highlands Opera Studio. Recently, Wi performed *Dissociative Me* (the modern English version of the opera *Faust*) with Loose Tea Music Theatre. Wi actively participates in performances in Canada, Italy and Switzerland.

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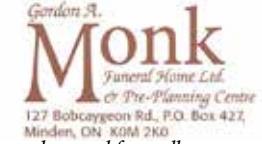


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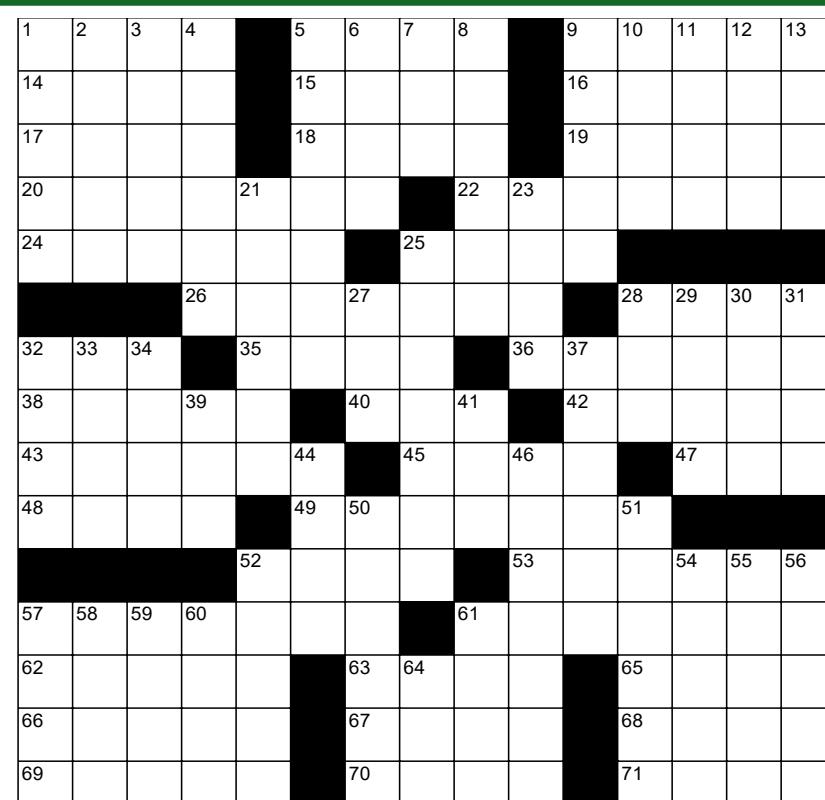
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- 9. Dwelling
- 14. Jungle sound
- 15. Ripped
- 16. Was furious
- 17. Toledo's waterfront
- 18. Mound
- 19. Miscalculated
- 20. Map books
- 22. Private school
- 24. Hanging ornament
- 25. Greek deity
- 26. Skills
- 28. Chimney dirt
- 32. Find a total
- 35. Shed feathers
- 36. Three-base hit
- 38. Strainer
- 40. Married woman (abbr.)
- 42. Come in
- 43. "Gilligan's \_\_\_\_"
- 45. Toward the sunrise
- 47. Daughter's brother
- 48. Similar
- 49. Nuclear \_\_\_\_
- 52. Blunt
- 53. Puts up
- 57. Trade restriction
- 61. Hideaway
- 62. Fiddle's kin
- 63. Faucet problem
- 65. She, in Seville
- 66. Revises copy
- 67. Soften
- 68. Great deal (2 wds.)
- 69. Farm structures
- 70. Color changer
- 71. Completed

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- 2. Heart artery
- 3. Banisters
- 4. Chicken serving
- 5. Shakespeare play
- 6. Troubles
- 7. Time period
- 8. Leave
- 9. Zones
- 10. Poet
- 11. Fairy-tale fiend
- 12. Think
- 13. Circular current
- 21. Sailors
- 23. Price
- 25. Beseech
- 27. Graceful tree
- 28. Vice
- 29. Elects
- 30. Toast spread
- 31. Gull's kin
- 32. Tibet's locale
- 33. Floppy \_\_\_\_
- 34. Hero shop
- 37. Witty reply
- 39. Moving truck
- 41. Defunct USAF branch
- 44. Pharmacy item
- 46. More sharply inclined
- 50. Washed away
- 51. Peruse again
- 52. Insensitive
- 54. Viola's kin
- 55. Eagle's claw
- 56. Say
- 57. Nights before holidays
- 58. Average skirt
- 59. Heat water
- 60. Palo \_\_\_\_
- 61. Stand up
- 64. Author \_\_\_\_ Bradbury

# Highlander classifieds



## Employment Opportunity

Through the Ontario Sport Recreation Community Funding opportunity, the Community Services Department is seeking the following five (5) month contract position:

### Community Development/Recreation & Events Assistant

This position is responsible for assisting with recreation programming, community events and volunteer engagement for the Township under the supervision of the Director of Community Services.

The position is based on a 24-hour work week, generally being Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm including some evenings and weekends. The rate of pay is \$11.25/hour.

This is a five (5) month contract position anticipated to begin September 1, 2016.

Candidates must have a minimum of a grade 12 diploma, First Aid CPR/AED certification is required. Preference will be given to candidates with a minimum of two (2) years' experience in a recreation setting, including direct programming, as well as a Post-Secondary degree or diploma in Recreation Studies or a related field.

You will have enthusiasm and confidence, with excellent interpersonal and communication skills. Ability to be flexible in your approach to working with volunteers and should possess strong organizational, analytical and problem-solving skills. You are committed to customer service excellence, with the ability to work effectively in a team environment. You will have demonstrated experience in MS Office Suite.

Prior to the final selection for this position, the applicant shall be required to provide, at their own expense, a background check from the Ontario Provincial Police or appropriate Police Force.

Qualified applicants are invited to submit a letter of application together with a detailed resume of education and experience by **12:00:00 noon August 4, 2016** to [sprentice@mindenhill.ca](mailto:sprentice@mindenhill.ca) or:

**Employment Opportunity – Community Development/Recreation & Events Assistant**  
**Township of Minden Hills**  
**7 Milne St, PO Box 359 Minden, ON K0M 2K0**  
**Attention: Mark Coleman, Director of Community Services**

The Detailed Position Description can be obtained by contacting [sprentice@mindenhill.ca](mailto:sprentice@mindenhill.ca)

*We thank all applicants for applying, but only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted.*

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If you are contacted by the Township of Minden Hills regarding a job opportunity or testing, please advise if you require accommodation. Information received relating to accommodation needs of applicants will be addressed confidentially.

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## Employment Opportunity

The Community Services Department is seeking the following full time position:

### Curatorial Programming Assistant

This position is responsible for providing program delivery, exhibit development and collections management in support of the operation of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, consisting of the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, Minden Hills Museum & Heritage Village and Nature's Place, under the direction of the Cultural Centre Curator, Director of Community Services or designate(s).

The position is based on a 35-hour work week, generally being Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm including some evenings and weekends. Days may vary seasonally. The rate of pay is \$19.91/hour. Earnings will be subject to Union dues.

Position to commence as soon as possible.

The candidate will have a minimum of a one (1) year Museum Studies related post graduate certificate. You will have experience in public programming collections management. Any post-secondary diploma is preferred.

You will have experience in collections management software and Windows Office Suite. Enthusiasm and confidence with excellent interpersonal and communication skills. Ability to be flexible in your approach to working with volunteers and should possess excellent time management skills. You are committed to customer service excellence, with knowledge of best practices in the municipal museum field.

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## EVENTS

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- File No. PLSRA2015060:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Davis Lake, lying in front of Lot 10, Concession 3, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 4, on a Plan of Survey.
- File No. PLSRA2016007 & PLRA2016006:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull Lake, lying in front of Lot 7, Concession 12, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 2 & 3; and further, portions of the road allowance of Sandy Bay Road lying in front of Lot 7, Concession 12, Geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 2 & 3 on a Plan of Survey.

The above noted plans of surveys are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned at 705-286-1260 (x206) or by e-mail at [iclendening@mindenhill.ca](mailto:iclendening@mindenhill.ca).

**AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE** that the proposed By-Laws will come before the said Council for consideration, and if deemed advisable for passing, at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on **Thursday, July 28, 2016** at the hour of 9:00 a.m. At that time, Council will hear in person or by their counsel, solicitor, or agent, any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard.

**Dated** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016

Ian Clendening, MPI.  
 Secretary-Treasurer  
 Committee of Adjustment

## PREVIOUS WEEK'S ANSWERS

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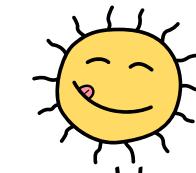
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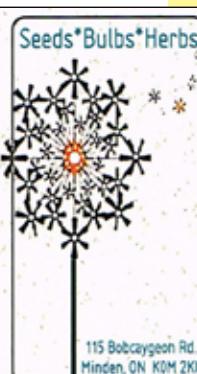


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# What's on



Above: Emma Gerard shows off her jewellery at last year's Art and Craft Festival. Various booths had something for everyone (far right). *File photos.*

## Art and Craft Festival back for 53<sup>rd</sup> year

### Event slated for Head Lake Park this weekend

By Mark Arike

Preparations are well underway for the 53rd annual Haliburton Art and Craft Festival, which will take over Head Lake Park for three days as of tomorrow.

"It's going remarkably well," said Laurie Jones, event organizer and executive director of the Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre.

"The only thing I don't have control of is the weather," she laughed.

A total of 125 artists and artisans, many of whom travel from outside of Haliburton County, will showcase and sell their work in this annual juried show. Several will

provide live demonstrations and all are more than willing to connect with shoppers.

Twenty eight are participating for the first time.

Some of the artistic mediums will include paint, glass, clay, photography, metal and cloth.

"I think it's a very well-curated event," Jones said. "We work hard at making really good picks ... you want everyone to be excellent, innovative and have a good knowledge of their craft."

It's also important to ensure visitors can find something in their price range.

This year, a five-person jury reviewed applications and ended up turning away 75 artists.

"They were all good," admits Jones. "But they had to get the letter that read sorry, not this year."

The jury includes professional artists, a Rails End board member and an experienced shopper. They review images

and information about the artists' techniques before making their selections.

"They jury it blind, so they don't know who they're looking at."

Other attractions include Tai Chi demonstrations, a yoga stretch and fashion session, drum circle, buskers and a family ArtZone.

A food and beer tent will be set up, with local brews from Boshkung Brewing Co. and Haliburton Highlands Brewing.

At least 60 volunteers make the event possible.

"They're doing it because they support Rails End Gallery and they believe we need a public gallery in the village," Jones said.

The festival is the gallery's main fundraiser, raising about a third of its annual operating budget of \$140,000. The majority of money is collected through fees and admission.

Around 6,600 people came through the gates last year.

It is estimated that the total economic impact of last year's event was \$1.7 million. Jones obtained this figure by submitting information to Ontario's Tourism Regional Economic Impact Model.

New this year is a survey for visitors with a chance to win a weekend workshop with famous Canadian painter Robert Bateman, and other prizes. The information gathered will be used to gauge the effectiveness of the festival's marketing efforts.

The festival is perfect for all ages and the entire family.

"You get refreshed and get to see that art is alive and well. It's uplifting," Jones said.

Admission is \$3 per person. Children 12 and under are free with an adult.

The hours are noon to 7 p.m. on Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

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